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INFORMATION REPORT

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1. At a meeting of plant employees at the Boehlen plant on 24 February 1953, the comparative production figures for Boehlen and Zeitz for 1952 in regard to gasoline and diesel oil were announced.¹ These were as follows (in metric tons):

	<u>Gasoline</u>	<u>Diesel Oil</u>
Boehlen	111,827.4	46,358.1
Zeitz	149,357.7	52,977.6

2. Production at Boehlen during February 1953 was as follows (in metric tons):

Gasoline	8,452.2
AT and DHD	3,210.8
Diesel oil	4,120.3

3. The following quantities were shipped from Boehlen during February 1953 (in metric tons):

Gasoline	8,127.5
AT and DHD	4,239.3
Diesel oil	4,052.3

16,419.1

4. Production Difficulties

The combined shortage of materials (electrodes, steel plate and tubes in particular) led to the decision to send a delegation from the Boehlen plant to visit Minister President Otto Grotewohl (whose name the Boehlen plant bears) in order to plead with him to give this matter special attention. The visit took place on

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20 February 1953 under the leadership of Dipl. Ing. Gunther Riedel, but nothing much was actually achieved, and in spite of a high-sounding announcement about Grotewohl's keen personal interest, the general feeling of the plant was that little help can be expected at present.

5. Boehlen Gas Plant Personnel

Director of production:	Dr. Flechsig
In charge of gasoline production:	Dipl. Ing. Ludwig
In charge of high pressure plant:	Dr. Schoenefeld
In charge of low pressure plant:	Dipl. Ing. Mildner
In charge of DED plant:	Dr. Birthler
In charge of AT plant:	Dr. Fritzsche
Chief engineer:	Dipl. Ing. Riedel.

1. Comment: Figures for jet fuel production were not announced.

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